

REMARKS

In this Response claims 1, 3 – 4, 6, and 10 – 16 have been canceled, without prejudice and claims 2, 5, and 7 – 8 have been amended. These amendments are fully supported by the original specification. No new matter has been added.

Claims 2, 5, and 7 – 9 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the Office Action, claims 5 and 8 are indicated as having allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. These claims have been rewritten in independent form and now stand substantially as originally presented. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw these objections.

Claim Rejections

In the Office Action, claims 2, 7, and 8 are rejected under 35 USC 103 over various references. These claims now depend from a claim indicated by the Examiner as having allowable subject matter. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw these rejections.

Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.48 for Inventorship Change

The Applicants would like to take this opportunity to inquire as to the status of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.48 for Inventorship Change requesting that Sigmund SundfØr be added as a joint inventor that was filed on April 13, 2005. To date, the Applicants are not aware of a decision being issued in this matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2972.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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